

## LOCAL SPORTS

# Greenfield Triathlon canceled

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One of the longest-running events on the Franklin County sporting calendar will not be part of the summer slate in 2020.

The Greenfield Triathlon announced on Friday that it had canceled its race, set for Aug. 2, due to COVID-19. Race Director Christy Moore sent a statement to participants via email informing them of the decision.

“The health and safety of everyone involved in the Greenfield Triathlon remains our top priority, so in light of continued health concerns regarding COVID-19 and guidance from local, state and federal authorities, we regret to announce that this year’s triathlon will not take place,” the statement said. “We thank our loyal participants, vol-

unteers and sponsors for their continued support, and look forward to bringing the triathlon community together again in 2021.”

The race had closed registration back in April, saying it would monitor the situation and make a decision later in the summer.

The event was scheduled to be the 37th edition of the Greenfield Triathlon. The race, which brings hundreds of competitors to the Green River Swimming & Recreation Area, has held a consistent spot in the race calendar on the first Sunday in August.

With Friday’s announcement, the Greenfield Triathlon joined a list of canceled August races in Franklin County that also includes the Bridge of Flowers Classic, Montague Mug Race and New England Green River Marathon.



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**Athletes compete in the cycling portion of the Greenfield Lightlife Triathlon in 2019. Race officials announced on Friday that the 2020 event was canceled due to COVID-19.**